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1. FOR SEVERAL WEEKS THE ISSUE OF GOC' S ENDORSEMENT OF PANAMANIAN DEMANDS FOR REVISION OF CANAL TREATY HAS BEEN ENTWINED WITH PERENNIAL CHILEAN AND BOLIVIAN CONFLICT OVER REVISION OF 1904 TREATY BY WHICH BOLIVIA CEDED ITS SEABOARD. LATEST INSTALMENT WAS FON UNDERSEC ORLANDINI' S REMARKS TO REPORTERS MAR 29, UPON CONCLUSION OF FONMIN ALMEYDA' S AND ORLANDINI' S CLOSED DOOR TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE FONRELS COMMITTEE WHICH REPORTEDLY INCLUDED DISCUSSION OF RELATIONS WITH BOLIVIA AND QUESTIONING OF ORLANDINI ABOUT HIS PERFORMANCE AT PANAMA.

2. AMONG OTHER THINGS, ORLANDINI ASSERTED " CHILE HAS NO MATTERS (SIC) PENDING WITH BOLIVIA," THAT AS FAR AS GOC CONCERNED, 1904 TREATY CLOSED BOOK ON " ALL THOSE OUTSTANDING ISSUES," INCLUDING BORDER PROBLEMS. HE NOTED THAT BOLIVIAN REPRESENTATIONS IN PANAMA UNSC MEETING HAD BEEN " MORE MODERATE" THAN ON PAST OCCASIONS. CHILE, HE SAID, HAS ALWAYS

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BEEN PREPARED TO COOPERATE IN BOLIVIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HE MAINTAINED THAT FREE PORT FACILITIES PROVIDED BOLIVIA ARE " BROADEST AND MOST COMPLETE/ IN WORLD. HE REAFFIRMED STANDARD GOC POSITION THAT CHILE ALWAYS READY RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BOLIVIA ON NON- CONDITIONED BASIS.

3. MARCH 30 EL MERCURIO FRONT PAGED LA PAZ DATELINE STORY SUGGESTING IMMINENT BREAKDOWN OF SESSIONS OF MIXED COMMISSION ON PORTS. REPORTEDLY BOLIVIAN SIDE HAS THREATENED SHIFT BOLIVIAN TRANSIT TRAFFIC TO PERUVIAN PORT OF MATARANI, OSTENSIBLY OWING TO INEFFICIENCY OF CHILEAN OUTLETS.
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